

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 36

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR PARSON.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment repealing section 20 of article III of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to the legislative sessions of the general assembly.

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring therein:

That at the next general election to be held in the state of Missouri, on
2 Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2016, or at a special
3 election to be called by the governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted
4 to the qualified voters of this state, for adoption or rejection, the following
5 amendment to article III of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Section 20, article III, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and
2 one new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 20, to read as
3 follows:

Section 20. The general assembly shall meet on the first Wednesday after
2 the first Monday in January following each general election. The general
3 assembly may provide by law for the introduction of bills during the period
4 between the first day of December and the first Wednesday after the first Monday
5 of January. **The first legislative session of each general assembly shall
6 be used for the enactment of appropriation laws and general laws. The
7 general assembly shall enact appropriation laws to remain in effect for
8 one fiscal year.**

9 The general assembly shall reconvene on the first Wednesday after the
10 first Monday of January after adjournment at midnight on May thirtieth of the
11 preceding year. **The second legislative session of each general assembly
12 shall be used exclusively for the enactment of appropriation laws
13 except for emergency legislation where health, welfare, and safety
14 requires legislative action.**

15 A majority of the elected members of each house shall constitute a quorum
16 to do business, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day, and may
17 compel the attendance of absent members in such manner and under such
18 penalties as each house may provide. The sessions of each house shall be held
19 with open doors, except in cases which may require secrecy but not including the
20 final vote on bills, resolutions and confirmations. Neither house shall, without
21 the consent of the other, adjourn for more than ten days at any one time, nor to
22 any other place than that in which the two houses may be sitting.

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